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Restriction Requirement

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 4, 2003.

The Office has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-15, drawn to an absorbent device comprising an indicator structure, classified in class 604, subclass 385.18; and

Group II: Claims 16-18, drawn to a method of making an absorbent device, classified in Class 156, subclass 1.

The Office also has required restriction to one of the following species within Group

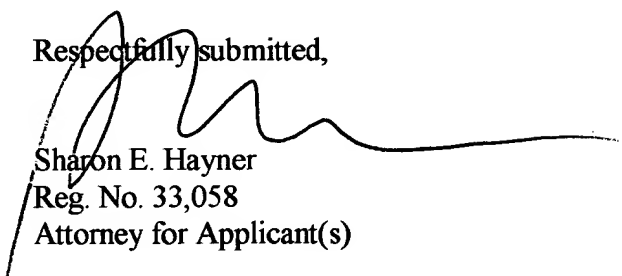
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- 1) a resilient member in bent configuration;
- 2) a resilient member in the shape of a ring; or
- 3) a resilient member that is a spring.

The Office Action indicates that Groups I and II are related as process of making and product made. Applicant hereby confirms the election of Group I, species 1 (bent configuration), with traverse and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement.

Respectfully submitted,


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